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**TO: Rural Task Force Program Agencies**

**SUBJECT: Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023 Local Rural Task Force Program Call for Projects**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in conjunction with the Rural Task Force (RTF) Program Advisory Board, is issuing a "Call for Projects" in non-urban areas for fiscal years (FYs) 2020 - 2023. The purpose of this Call is to solicit projects from local rural highway and transit agencies wishing to utilize federal Surface Transportation Program - Rural Task Force (STP - RTF) and state Transportation Economic Development Fund - Category D (State D) funding for FYs 2020 - 2023. Projects selected to receive STP - RTF and State D funding will be included in the FYs 2020 - 2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The FYs 2020 - 2023 STIP will cover the four FYs between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2023.

Through the Call, it is anticipated that MDOT will designate approximately \$48 million of STP - RTF allocation and \$7 million of State D funds annually to the RTF Program for FYs 2020 - 2023. All funds require at least a 20 percent non-federal or local match and must be spent on construction costs and contingencies for highway projects and transit capital projects. Right-of-way, construction engineering, and preliminary engineering costs are not eligible.

In FY 2018, the RTF Program Advisory Board set the policy to program projects to 100 percent of the allocation targets. The federal obligation authority averages 93 - 95 percent of the allocation targets. Programming above the obligation authority allows full utilization of the obligation authority and of August Redistribution. Funding targets may be adjusted in the future to reflect updated state and/or federal legislation or unanticipated factors.

Rural projects included in the STIP are scheduled to be obligated in the FY they are shown. To be included in the STIP, each respective regional RTF must approve the projects and submit selected projects utilizing the 1799 and 1797 data sheets, for FYs 2020 - 2023, to their Regional Planning Agency (RPA) representative no later than January 15, 2019. Because this is a STIP development year, local (county) RTF meetings are required to select projects to be brought forward for final approval by the regional RTF committee. RPAs will program their FYs 2020 - 2023 projects in JobNet and forward their program/project lists to MDOT no later than

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February 12, 2019. Programs submitted to the RPAs must be financially constrained to their annual allocation targets.

The enclosed document provides more information regarding the Call for Projects process. If you have any questions regarding the Local RTF Program or would like an MDOT representative to attend your RTF meetings, please contact Don Mayle, RTF Coordinator, at [mayled@michigan.gov](mailto:mayled@michigan.gov) or 517-335-4588.

Sincerely,



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